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TOPIC Military Information from Oschatz

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. According to a local resident, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Dresdener Strasse, Oschatz, was occupied by 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and by 15 uniformed women on 18 November 1952. About 50 percent of the quartering buildings were lighted after nightfall. Five observation posts were erected in the east section of the installation. At 9 a.m., about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were maintaining motor vehicles and about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched to the garages. Troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen at the windows of the quartering buildings. At 9:40 a.m., 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 24 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with submachine guns and rifles marched toward the town. A senior lieutenant was in charge of the group. About 75 troops engaged in entrenching and leveling work near the garages to the east.

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2. On 18 November, an informant stated that the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. The informant expressed the belief that 12 JS-3 tanks, 12 T-34 tanks and a jacked-up tank cupola without barrel were in the installation. About 40 trucks and 5 tank trucks were also in the installation. About 65 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted at dusk. At 11:30 a.m. on 18 November, about 80 soldiers were engaged in field training and construction of field fortifications on the drill ground. Two JS-3 tanks were seen at driving practice. Fourteen troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 20 troops without tank insignia were seen digging.¹

1. Comment. Information contained in the present report confirms the occupation of the military installations as carried since the return of the troops from Zeithain. No recent confirmations of the unidentified engineer battalion of the 9th Tank Div carried in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne are available. The unidentified tank training battalion is believed stationed in Zeithain.